

PARISH of ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE
in partnership with the parishes of Porterstown & Castleknock

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Saturday/Sunday 3/4 OCTOBER 2026

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am

In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am

In Castleknock: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am and 12 noon

[Mountview Parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026

The Fruitless Vineyard

God bestowed on his people the kind of care that a dedicated vinedresser bestows on his vineyard. But the people failed to produce the fruits of right living. God looks to us to produce fruits of justice, love and peace.

First Reading: (Isaiah 5:1-7): This talks about the owner of the vineyard who did everything possible he could for his vineyard yet all he got was sour grapes.

Second Reading: (Phil. 4:6-9): In this reading Paul warns the people of Philippi against anxiety and advises them how to live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

Gospel: (Mt. 21:33-43): Here we have Matthew's parable concerned with the judgement of Israel.

REFLECTION

Jesus says to us what he said to his apostles

I am the vine, you are the branches

United with me, you will bear much fruit

Separated from me, you can do nothing

The fruit that Jesus wants for us is primarily the fruit of love

Lord, with your patient urging, help us to produce the fruit of love

And thus the world knows that we are living branches of you the True Vine

POPE'S INTENTIONS OCTOBER 2026 – *For mental health ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

CASTLEKNOCK LIONS CLUB - Thank You to all those who generously donated €1,276 last weekend.

BAPTISMS - Congratulations to Josh, Juliet, Olwyn, Gwen, Arthur, Robbie, Daphne, Páidí, and Cody who were baptised in our church in September.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON THURSDAYS AFTER 10AM MASS IN LAUREL LODGE

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish invites expressions of interest from people interested in becoming Ministers of the Word (Readers). We need additional Readers for all Masses but particularly for the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. If interested, please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or email office@laurellodgeparish.ie

ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - We are creating a rota for the parish Ministers of Holy Communion for 2026-27. If you are willing to join the rota as a **new** or current Minister of Holy Communion, please pick up a survey from the Sacristy or Parish Office, or, preferably, fill it out online at (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaurelLodgeMoE>). We would be obliged if you could submit your survey response before 18th October, 2026.

SCOIL THOMÁIS ADMISSIONS 2027/28 - Junior Infants for September 2027. Applications close on Monday 2nd November 2026. www.scoilthomais.ie for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Shay Grey (1st anniv.), Frank Cassidy (anniv.)

Frank & Emily Lyons (anniv.), Kay Brereton (1st anniv.)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Mary & John Byrne (anniv.) & Gretta O'Neill (3rd anniv.)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Gary O'Dowd (recently deceased), Gerry Small (anniv.)

Colm O'Callaghan (Months Mind)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased:

Mark Lawless, Anne Meleady and Daniel Corrigan

whose funerals took place in our church during the week.

Also, Michael Kerwick & Barney Kelly

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Stephen Kenny (3rd anniv.), Ellen & Con Gildea, Margaret Regan,

Vincent Kennedy (birthday remembrance)

